ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a font downloading apparatus and method which can download fonts of a coding scheme not supported by a printer after converting them into a supported coding scheme. When a user on a host computer selects a printer to which a font is to be downloaded, the system acquires coding schemes supported by the selected printer. Then, when a font to be downloaded is specified, the system acquires the coding scheme of the font. If the font to be downloaded is not supported by the printer, the system makes the user to select one of the acquired coding schemes, converts the codes of the font to be downloaded to the selected coding scheme, and downloads the font to the printer.